

## Hadassah Spring Mission: ROOTS & WINGS Budapest, Prague & Jerusalem

May 7 – 18, 2017

(As of 6/23/16)



### Day 1, Sunday, May 7, 2017: DEPARTURE

- We depart on our afternoon flight and travel overnight to Budapest.

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### Day 2, Monday, May 8, 2017: BUDAPEST

- Early afternoon arrival in Budapest, welcome and assistance by an Ayelet representative.
- Check into our hotel.
- This afternoon we enjoy a **city tour of Budapest**. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges.
- We visit the **Castle Hill area & the Fisherman's Bastion**, which offers an excellent view of **Parliament**, the largest parliamentary building in the world situated at Pest's riverbank. This building also acts as the symbol of Hungary's independence.
- This evening, we enjoy a traditional **Hungarian welcome dinner** followed by an evening **cruise on the Danube River**.

### O/N Budapest

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### Day 3, Tuesday, May 9, 2017: BUDAPEST

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin at the **Raul Wallenberg Memorial Statue** and then visit the impressive **Dohany Synagogue**, one of Europe's largest synagogues. Meet with one of the leaders of the Jewish community and learn about the community building today in Budapest and in Hungary.
- We continue to the **Jewish Cemetery** and **Jewish Museum**, as well as the moving **Holocaust Memorial**.
- We stop along the Danube to take in the simple, but emotionally charged memorial, "**The Shoes on the Danube Bank**".
- Dinner on own this evening.
- **OPTIONAL**: Cultural event (List of options will be provided in advance)



## O/N Budapest



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### Day 4, Wednesday, May 10, 2017: PRAGUE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for our flight to **Prague**, the Czech capital, also known as "the City of One Thousand Spires", with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks and ancient city walls.
- Upon arrival, begin our sightseeing tour of Jewish interest sites beginning in the **Jewish Quarter**. We visit the **Old City** to view the **Josefov**, Prague's Jewish Town with its

**Old Town Hall**, the **Alt-Neu Synagogue**, the **Pinkas Synagogue**, the **Maisel Synagogue**, the **Jewish Cemetery** and the **State Jewish Museum**.

- We then visit the 1,000 year-old **Royal Castle of Hradcany** & walk across the landmark **Charles Bridge**, including hearing the story of the **Jesus Statue** with Hebrew lettering.
- Check into our hotel.
- Dinner on own this evening.

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### Day 5, Thursday, May 11, 2017: FROM TEREZIN TO JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning we meet with members of a Jewish community of **Beit Simcha**, for a discussion on the renewal of Jewish life in Prague today.
- We travel to **Terezin**, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp.
- We visit the **Fortress, Jewish Cemetery, and Museum**, the **hidden synagogue**, the **Memorial Monument** and the town itself.
- Free afternoon in Prague.
- Dinner at a local restaurant with a speaker.
- Return to Prague.
- We transfer to the airport for our night flight to Israel (late arrival).
- Check into our hotel.

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## Day 6, Friday, May 12, 2017: WELCOMING SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We have a late start today beginning with a meeting with Scholar **Dr. Rachel Korazim** in preparation of our visit to Yad Vashem.
- Following our visit to Prague, we visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Our visit includes the **Janus Korzchak Sculpture** and the **Children's Hall** followed by a ceremony at the **Valley of the Lost Communities**.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, we visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin at the top of the mountain.
- Continue to the **Machane Yehuda Market** where we enjoy a **scavenger hunt** in the Market area. We will be looking for a number of unique stores, as well as have the opportunity to taste their food, while we see the "hustle and bustle" of last minute preparations for Shabbat.
- Time to relax in the market or at our hotel before Shabbat.
- **Shabbat dinner** in a private room with guests and friends.



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## Day 7, Saturday, May 13, 2017: SHABBAT SHALOM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Free morning for Shabbat services or just to relax (list of nearby synagogues will be provided).
- Guided walking tour of the **Old City**. We walk through the **Christian Quarter** and continue along **Neviim Street** with its' many buildings connected to the history of Hadassah.
- Meeting at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, an Israeli Arab journalist, lecturer and documentary filmmaker, born to an Israeli Arab father and a Palestinian Arab mother.
- **Havdalah with Barbara Goldstein** on the rooftop of our hotel overlooking the Old City.
- Dinner on own.
- Later this evening, we enjoy a spectacular **Sound and Light show** at the **Tower of David**, tracing the history of Jerusalem.

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## Day 8, Sunday, May 14, 2017: JERUSALEM



- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit to **Ein Karem Hadassah Hospital**, where we visit the newly opened **Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower** building.
  - Explore the bunkers at **Ammunition Hill**, the official museum symbolizing the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem. Its new multi-media film helps visitors better understand the events and battles of 1967.
  - Stop for a moment and take in the breathtaking

view.

- **Jerusalem Startup Hub** – Visit the new Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation in Jerusalem. Located in the heart of the city, the Hub opened its doors in March 2013. JSH aims to be the center of start-up development in Jerusalem, a hub for break-through technological ideas with global aspirations.
- Dinner on own this evening.
- Evening tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels** for an exciting view of the new “behind the scenes” excavations in the area of the Mikvaot (Ritual Baths).

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## Day 9, Monday, May 15, 2017: JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit Israel’s Parliament for a tour and meeting with a **Member of the Knesset**.
- **Investing in our Future**: Visit **Meir Shfeya Hadassah** youth village. We visit the village, meet and interact with the youth living there.
- Lunch on own and time for some shopping in the streets of Zichron Yaakov.
- Visit **Atlit**, site of the British Internment camp for thousands of Jewish refugees, who were caught attempting to immigrate to Israel during the British Mandatory period; followed by a **dialogue with Murray Greenfield**, who was detained there.
- Visit **Yvel** and learn about their youth and young adult work program and see the unique jewelry they create.
- **Dinner in Derech Hagefen Winery**.

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## Day 10, Tuesday, May 16, 2017: TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- *The Story of Tel Aviv*, guided walk through **Neve Zedek** and what was **Ahuzat Bayit**, exploring the origins of the city of Tel Aviv, its people and places.
- Continue to Tel Aviv's **White City**, one of the largest concentrations of Bauhaus architecture in the world.
- We continue to the library in the city center - **Space for Entrepreneurship and Innovation**. The Library provides a shared-working space and hub facilities for teams dedicated to developing internet startups and technology companies. In addition, The Library offers networking events, meet-ups, and professional infrastructure for young entrepreneurial visionaries. We will tour the sight and meet with some of these entrepreneurs.
- Pass by **Rabin Square** on our way to the excellent **Rabin Museum**, tracing the life of Yitzhak Rabin as it intertwines with Israeli and world history.
- **Visit one of Israel's leading fashion designers** in her studio. Learn about the way she started a business from nothing in Tel-Aviv and now enjoy world wide recognition.
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv this evening.
- Return to Jerusalem.



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## Day 11, Wednesday, May 17, 2017: DELVING INTO OUR PAST

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Morning study session at the **Hartman Institute**.
- Continue to the **Davidson Center** where we learn about Jerusalem's ancient past. We explore the Southern excavations and the new tunnel to Ir David.
- Visit the **Ir David Excavations** just outside the Old City walls, where we wander through the carefully preserved archeological excavations dating back to the time of King David.
- Free time to pack and relax.
- **Farewell dinner** together this evening as we recount all we have experienced together!

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**Day 12, Thursday, May 18, 2017: ARRIVAL HOME**

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Early this morning we transfer to Ben Gurion airport for our flight back home, arriving later today.

**THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!**

*\*Itinerary is subject to change*

***Note: All food in Europe is kosher style.***

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